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12 JAN 1959

Mr. F. M. Kercheville  
American Legion, Department of  
New Mexico  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Kercheville:

Thank you and the members of the American Legion Department of New Mexico for the citation for meritorious service presented to me as Director of Central Intelligence. Your telegram of December 23 and the arrival of the certificate on Christmas Eve helped make my Christmas a pleasant one indeed.

You inquired whether the New Mexico Department should ask any Legion official in Washington to make an official presentation to me of the certificate in the name of the Department of New Mexico. I want you to know that I appreciate having received the certificate from you, Commander McAtee and Adjutant Falls, and nothing would be added to this distinction by having someone outside of the Department of New Mexico make a presentation to me.

Best wishes for a happy New Year to you and the membership of the American Legion, Department of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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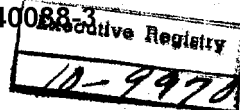
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ALLEN DULLES DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

PERSONAL FOR MR DULLES PLEASE. REFER MY RECENT LETTER  
CITATION MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO YOU AND THE AGENCY FOR  
YOUR UNHERALDED GREAT WORK BEING MAILED DIRECT TO YOU  
IN HOPE CERTIFICATE ARRIVES BY CHRISTMAS. PLEASE CONTACT  
ME AFTER JAN 5TH AND LET ME KNOW IF OUR LEGION DEPT  
HERE SHOULD CONTACT ANY OTHER OFFICIAL OR OFFICE OR DEPT  
LEGION THERE TO MAKE OFFICIAL PRESENTATION IN OUR NAME.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS. MAY THE ETERNAL BLESS YOU AND YOUR  
WORK

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